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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

10 IN RE WASHINGTON MUTUAL  
11 MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES  
12 LITIGATION

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CASE NO. C09-37 MJP

ORDER DENYING  
CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION

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15 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' supplemental confidentiality  
16 stipulation relating to loan file productions. (Dkt. No. 344.) Having reviewed the stipulation, the  
17 Court DENIES the proposed order. The parties appear to propose that the Court excuse them  
18 from complying with any and all privacy laws in regard to producing nonparty borrower  
19 information. (Dkt. No. 344 at 4-5.) The parties have largely failed to identify what those laws  
20 are and why their compliance with them should be excused. The Court cannot simply grant the  
21 parties carte blanche to ignore any relevant laws much less "explicitly prohibit[]" the parties'  
22 compliance with those laws. (Id. at 5.) The request itself is difficult for the Court to understand  
23 given its vagueness and the poorly described basis for granting the relief requested. The Court  
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1 will consider a renewed request for an exemption from a specific privacy laws. Such a future  
2 request must: (1) identify the laws from which compliance is sought to be exempted; (2) the  
3 reasons for such an exemption; and (3) why compliance is not possible or unreasonable. The  
4 parties are also directed to cease employing the “WHEREAS” format the parties seem so  
5 inclined to use. The Court finds it unhelpful to the presentation of the parties’ positions and the  
6 resolution of any disputes.

7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

8 Dated this 27th day of October, 2011.

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12 Marsha J. Pechman  
13 United States District Judge  
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